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TO USMISSION UNVIE VIENNA IMMEDIATE 2537

UNCLAS STATE 011471

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDING SENSITIVE CAPTION/PARA MARKINGS)

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E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [TSPA](#) [TSPL](#) [UNGA](#)  
SUBJECT: UNCONTROLLED SATELLITE RE-ENTRY

REF: A) UNVIE VIENNA 52

1. (SBU) THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE  
PARA 2 BELOW.

2. (SBU) IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
CENTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY (IAEA) THROUGH THE  
UN OFFICE OF OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO  
DELIVER THE U.S. STATEMENT BELOW TO THESE OFFICES.

BEGIN U.S. STATEMENT:

THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING  
THE IMPENDING RE-ENTRY OF A SATELLITE LAUNCHED INTO OUTER  
SPACE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:

--THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AND OTHER  
APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE MONITORING THE  
SITUATION. NUMEROUS SATELLITES OVER THE YEARS HAVE COME OUT  
OF ORBIT AND FALLEN HARMLESSLY.

--THIS SATELLITE DOES NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR POWER SOURCE ON  
BOARD.

--ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES FROM GOVERNMENT OR  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION REGARDING THIS MATTER SHOULD BE  
REFERRED TO MR. TIM KATSAPIS IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL

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SECURITY AT 1(202) 647-0072, KATSAPIS@STATE.GOV, AND MR.  
RICHARD BUENNEKE IN THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND  
NONPROLIFERATION, 1 (202) 647-3731, BUENNEKER@STATE.GOV,  
WITH CC: TO MR. KENNETH HODGKINS AND MR. DAVID TURNER IN THE  
BUREAU OF OCEANS, ENVIRONMENT, AND SCIENCE AT 1 (202)  
663-2398, HODGKINSK@STATE.GOV, AND 1 (202) 663-2397,  
TURNERDA@STATE.GOV.

END U.S. STATEMENT.  
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